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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This response addresses the Office Action notification provided on February 15, 2007 wherein the present application was subjected to a restriction requirement.

Applicants make a provisional election, with traverse, submit the following remarks, and request reconsideration of this requirement for the present application.

The Office indicates that restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372. The following groups are provided by the Office:

Group I, claim(s) 38, 40-46, 49-54, 74, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula I wherein variable X is S or SO₂.

Group II, claim(s) 38-45, 47-58, 74, drawn to compounds and compositions of formula I wherein variable X is C.

Group III, claim(s) 59, drawn to a process for preparing compounds and compositions of [formula] I wherein variable X is S or SO₂.

Group IV, claim(s) 59, drawn to a process for preparing compounds and compositions of [formula] II wherein variable X is C.

Group V, claim(s) 60, drawn to the method of using compounds of [formula] I wherein variable X is S or SO₂.

Group VI, claim(s) 60-61, drawn to the method of using compounds of [formula] II wherein variable X is C.

Group VII, claim(s) 62, drawn to the method of using compounds of formula II wherein variable X is SO₂.

Group VIII, claim(s) 62-63, drawn to the method of using compounds of formula II wherein variable X is C.

Group IX, claim(s) 64, 66, 68-71, 73, drawn to the method of using compounds of [formula] I wherein variable X is S or SO₂.

Group X, claim(s) 64-73, drawn to the method of using compounds of [formula] I wherein variable X is C.

Applicants are required under 37 CFR § 1.143 to make a provisional election. Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I. Applicants also provisionally elect, with traverse, the species provided in Example 41 in the specification as filed. The provisional election encompasses claims 38-46, 49-53, and 74.